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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[TMD-94-00-5]

Notice of Program Continuation

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice Inviting Applications for Fiscal Year 1995 Grant Funds Under the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) was allocated \$1,200,000 in the Federal budget for Fiscal Year 1995. Funds remain available for this program. States interested in obtaining funds under the program are invited to submit proposals for marketing studies. Only State Departments of Agriculture or State Agencies are eligible for funds.

DATES: Applications will be accepted through June 1, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Proposals may be sent to Dr. Harold S. Ricker, Assistant Director, Transportation and Marketing Division, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4006 South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harold S. Ricker, (202) 720-2704.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FSMIP is authorized under Section 204(b) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*). The program is a matching fund program designed to assist State Departments of Agriculture in conducting feasibility studies related to the marketing of agricultural products. Organizations interested in conducting a marketing study should contact their State Department of Agriculture Marketing Division to discuss their proposal.

Mutually acceptable proposals must be submitted through the State Office

and be accompanied by a completed Standard Form 424 and detailed budget statement. FSMIP funds may not be used for advertising or the purchase of equipment or facilities. Guidelines may be obtained from your State Departments of Agriculture or the above AMS contact.

In terms of objectives, the States are encouraged to submit proposals regarding:

(1) studies to identify new crops, markets, and marketing systems for agricultural products, both domestically and internationally;

(2) studies to improve efficiency of the marketing system to enhance competitiveness and profitability;

(3) studies to help maintain product quality through new handling, processing, and distribution techniques;

(4) studies to provide market assistance to the specialty foods industries; and,

(5) proposals addressing other marketing objectives will also receive consideration.

FSMIP is listed in the "Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance" under number 10.156 and subject agencies must adhere to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bars discrimination in all Federally assisted programs.

Dated: December 27, 1994.

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Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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Forest Service

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to Analyze and Disclose the Effects of a Proposal By Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.; Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and USDA Rural Utility Services to analyze and disclose the effects of a proposal by Tri-State Generation & Transmission Assoc., Inc. to construct a transmission line in Grand County, Colorado. The

project area includes portions of the Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest and the Kremmling Resource Area, Craig District, BLM.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis (issues, preliminary alternatives, etc.) should be received by February 20, 1995. The public is invited to provide information concerning the proposed project at a meeting to be held January 20, 1995, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Fraser Elementary School, Fraser, Colorado.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments, suggestions and questions to George Edwards, District Ranger, Sulphur Ranger District, 62429 U.S. Highway 40, P.O. Box 10, Granby, CO 80446.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding the proposed action and environmental impact statement should be directed to Sally Edwards, Project Facilitator, phone (303) 229-9602. Note: after 4/95 the phone number will be (970) 229-9602.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Tri-State proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a transmission line from the existing Fraser Substation one mile west of Fraser, Colorado to an as yet undetermined existing substation within a 15-20 mile radius of Fraser Substation. The project is known as the *Fraser Valley Loop Project* and is located in Grand County, Colorado.

The electric loads served from the Fraser Substation have grown to a level where the consequences of a line outage are too great. Presently, the Fraser Valley is served from a single 138-kV, 13 mile transmission line. An outage of this facility could well affect over 6,000 customers in East Grand County and could last up to five days.

The purpose for constructing the *Fraser Valley Loop Project* is to increase reliability of service to the customers served from the Fraser Substation and minimize the consequences of the Windy Gap-Fraser 138-kV line outage. A new transmission circuit will provide a second source of electric power for Tri-State's member system Mountain Parks Electric, Inc. (MPEI) and substantially increase capacity to service MPEI loads.

Tri-State has prepared a comprehensive Alternative Evaluation report for the Rural Utility Services (formerly known as the Rural Electrification Administration) which discusses in detail the purpose and need